

REMARKS

File History

The outstanding Office action of 7/28/2006 closes prosecution pursuant to Ex parte Quayle and deems claims 156-173, 174 to contain allowable subject matter.

Affirmation of Telephonic Provisional Election

Applicants hereby ratify the telephonic election of **Group VI** (Claims 156-174) and do not traverse with respect to the restricting out of those claims 156-174 relative to the other claims presented therewith in the Third Preliminary Amendment of March 2003. However, Applicants reserve for another day the right to traverse other lines of demarcation drawn between the non-elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to present the non-elected claims alone or with additional claims in further divisional filings.

Cancellations and Amendments

Claims 43-155 are canceled without prejudice.


Claims 156 and 168 are amended as required in paragraph 6 of the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the above actions place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments with favorable outcome. Should any other action be contemplated by the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that he contact the undersigned at (408) 392-9250 to discuss the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2257 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time and/or fee for additional claims, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,



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